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OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

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1. SUMMARY. GA SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC) FINALLY  
SAW FILM ON QUNEITRA NOV 12, FOLLOWING INTRODUCTORY REMARKS  
BY SYRIA. GENERAL DEBATE ON ISRAELI PRACTICES ITEM WAS  
THEN OPENED WITH LENGTHY STATEMENT BY ISRAEL, ATTACKING  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE AS DELIBERATELY PARTIAL AND ITS  
REPORT AS LOPSIDED, DISTORTED, AND INACCURATE. END SUMMARY.

2. SPEC MEETING OPENED WITH INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY SYRIA  
(ALLAF) PRIOR TO SHOWING OF FILM, "QUNEITRA: DEATH OF A CITY"  
(LANE END PRODUCTIONS, LONDON), ALLAF NOTED ONE PART OF  
REPORT BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ISRAELI  
PRACTICES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES DEALT WITH QUNEITRA -  
"NOT CITY OF QUNEITRA, SINCE THERE IS NO TOWN LEFT." HE  
DECRIED ISRAELI "CRIME" OF DYNAMITING OR BULLDOZING  
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HOUSES, SCHOOLS, MOSQUES AND CHURCHES. HE NOTED EXTENT OF

DELIBERATE DAMAGE CITED IN SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT AND SAID MOVIE SHOWED MOSQUES AND CHURCHES LOOTED AND BODIES OF DEAD PROFANED. ONE SEQUENCE FROM BRITISH TV FILMED FEW DAYS BEFORE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL WOULD PROVIDE UNDENIABLE EVIDENCE, HE SAID, THAT "ZIONIST INVADERS" HAD LEVELED MANY BUILDINGS IN FEW DAYS. MOVIE WAS IRREFUTABLE PROOF, HE CLAIMED, OF DELIBERATE INTENT BY ISRAEL TO RAZE CITY TO GROUND. HE ASKED THAT IT BE REGARDED AS OFFICIAL DOCUMENT AND KEPT IN ARCHIVES AS PART OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

3. ISRAEL (DORON) ON POINT OF ORDER SAID, IN VIEW OF "DISCRIMINATORY RESOLUTION" ADOPTED PREVIOUS DAY, HIS DEL WOULD NOT BE PRESENT FOR SHOWING OF FILM. HE ALSO REJECTED ALL ALLEGATIONS JUST MADE. DORON AND TWO ADVISERS THEN LEFT SEATS AND DORON LEFT ROOM.

4. AFTER FILM SHOWING, OPENING SPEAKERS IN DEBATE WAS ISRAEL. DORON BEGAN WITH ATTACK ON PRESENTATION OF REPORT MADE NOV 10 BY SENEGALESE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE (M'BAYE). DESPITE M'BAYE'S CLAIMS OF OBJECTIVITY, DORON FOUND REPORT NOT ONLY "NOT IMPARTIAL BUT DELIBERATELY PARTIAL". HE CRITICIZED M'BAYE'S PRESENTATION OF POSITIONS OF PARTIES ON ICRC PROPOSAL FOR JOINT COMMISSIONS TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS OF VIOLATIONS OF GENEVA CONVENTIONS; PRESENTATION SEEMED TO CRITICIZE ISRAEL WHILE PRAISING EGYPT. HE THEN QUOTED FROM ISRAELI REPLY TO ICRC PROPOSAL AND FROM 1974 ANNUAL REPORT OF ICRC TO SHOW TRUE POSITIONS OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL AND FACT SYRIA HAD NOT REPLIED TO ICRC PROPOSAL. HE ALSO CORRECTED STATEMENTS OF M'BAYE RE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ISRAELI LAW. HE SAID DEFENCE (EMERGENCY) REGULATIONS OF 1945 DEO APPLY IN ISRAEL AS WELL AS "ADMINISTERED AREAS", THAT 1972 CRIMINAL CODE (OFFENCES ABROAD) AMENDMENT IS NOT APPLIED BY COURTS IN AREAS BUT ONLY IN ISRAELI COURTS IN ISRAEL, AND THAT LATTER LEGISLATION IS NOT RETROACTIVE AS M'BAYE SEEMED TO THINK.

4. DORON REVIEWED ISRAELI OPPOSITION TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE FROM OUTSET, STATING RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMMITTEE WAS ONE-SIDED AND COMPSOTION BIASED. MOREOVER, SPECIAL COMMITTEE EXCEEDED MANDATE BY EXAMINING ISRAELI POLICIES, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND IT INTERPRETED "PRACTICES" IN PURELY PEJORATIVE SENSE, CLOSING ITS EYES TO ANY POSITIVE ACTION OR ANY BENEFITS DERIVED BY LOCAL POPULATION FROM ISRAELI ACTIONS. ISRAEL HAD ANALYZED PAST REPORTS TO SHOW THEY WERE "LOPSIDED, DISTORTED AND WRONG" BUT SPECIAL COMMITTEE IGNORED THESE "SUBSTANTIATED" CHARGES. HE PRESENTED INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC POINTS MADE IN MANY PARAGRAPHS OF REPORT TO DEMONSTRATE DISTORTIONS AND INACCURANCIES.

5. AMONG POINTS MADE IN COURSE OF STATEMENT WERE FOLLOWING: THERE ARE LESS THAN 5,000 JEWS LIVING IN OCCUPIED AREAS - LESS THAN ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION; TOTAL NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE DETAINEES AT PRESENT IS A "REMARKABLY LOW" 37; PERSON CAN BE DETAINED BY ARMY OR POLICE BEFORE TRIAL FOR MAXIMUM OF 18 DAYS, AFTER WHICH WARRANT IS REQUIRED FROM COURT, WHICH INSISTS ON COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION "WITH THE GREATEST CELERITY AND PEOPLE ARE NOT KEPT AWAITING TRIAL FOR LONG AND CERTAINLY NOT INDEFINITELY"; CLAIMS OF TORTURE OF PRISONERS TOTALLY FALSE IN MOST CASES CITED AND IN ONE EXCEPTIONAL CASE CITED WHERE FORCE USED, OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR "REPREHENSIBLE ACTION" HAS BEEN TRIED, CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO LONG PRISON TERM, A FACT NOT MENTIONED IN REPORT.

6. DORON NOTED MUCH OF REPORT BASED ON TESTIMONY OF ISRAELI LAWYER, MRS. FELICIA LANGER, WHOM HE IDENTIFIED AS MEMBER OF POLITBUREAU OF PRO-MOSCOW ISRAELI COMMUNIST PARTY (RAKAH) AND ACTIVE PROPAGANDIST AGAINST EXISTENCE OF STATE OF ISRAEL IN ITS PRESENT FORM. WHILE SHE IS ACTIVE AS DEFENDING COUNSEL IN MILITARY COURTS IN OCCUPIED AREAS, HE POINTED OUT OTHERS ARE AS WELL, WITHOUT TRYING TO BRING ABOUT DOWNFALL OF STATE IN WHICH THEY LIVE. HE FOUND IT SYMPTOMATIC OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S APPROACH THAT OF THESE LAWYERS, IT CHOSE TO INVITE ONLY MRS. LANGER TO APPEAR BEFORE IT.

7. PRISON CONDITIONS FOR ARABS FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WERE REVIEWED BY DORON, WHO CLAIMED THEY WERE SAME AS FOR ISRAELI PRISONERS AND CONFORMED TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARD RULES FOR PRISONS. HE REPEATED STANDARD ISRAELI

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POSITION ON APPLICABILITY OF GENEVA CONVENTION TO OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND ON DEMOLITION OF HOUSES. DORON SAID ISRAEL STOOD PROUDLY ON RECORD OF "SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVING RULE OF LAW IN THE ADMINISTERED AREAS."

8. SINCE REPORT ONLY RECENTLY AVAILABLE, DORON SAID DETAILED STUDY OF SECTION ON QUNEITRA NOT YET POSSIBLE AND RESERVED POSITION ON GRUNER'S REPORT. HE QUOTED FROM NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS, HOWEVER, IN SUPPORT OF HIS DOUBT ABOUT CLAIM THAT ONLY 39 BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY WAR ACTIVITIES. HE CITED ISRAELI LETTER TO SYG OF AUGUST 2, 1974 (A/9570-S/11408) IN REFUTING CLAIM THAT ISRAEL, RATHER THAN "SYRIAN AGGRESSION", WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR QUNEITRA DESTRUCTION HE CONCLUDED BY TOTALLY REJECTING SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT AND SAID HE WOULD NOT INTERVENE AGAIN

DURING DISCUSSION "UNLESS...NECESSARY."

9. BEFORE ADJOURNMENT (AT 1:30 PM) SYRIA, PLO AND SENEGAL  
RESERVED RIGHT TO REPLY TO ISRAEL AT LATER TIME.  
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